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SUBJECT: RENEWED PRESS ATTENTION TO ALLEGED US NUCLEAR
PLANNING

1. A GERMAN TELEVISION JOURNALIST NAMED MOENKMEYER
APPROACHED THE EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE RECENTLY TO SEEK
ASSISTANCE REGARDING A LAW SUIT IN WHICH HE HAS BECOME
INVOLVED. THE LAW SUIT CONCERNS A FILMED REPORT WHICH
RECENTLY APPEARED ON THE SECOND GERMAN TELEVISION'S
PROGRAM "DAS MAGAZIN". THE TELEVISION REPORT INDICATED
THAT A STORY WHICH APPEARED IN THE FEB. 1, 1970
ISSUE OF STERN MAGAZINE WAS AN EXAMPLE OF SOVIET
DISINFORMATION. THE STERN STORY CITED INVOLVED
PUBLICATION OF WHAT WAS PURPORTED TO BE AN OFFICIAL
USAF INSTRUCTION WHICH DIRECTED THE USE OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS ON GERMAN CITIES IN THE EVENT OF A SOVIET
ATTACK.

2. FOLLOWING THE TELECAST, STERN SUED THE JOURNALIST
TO PROVE THAT WHAT HE HAD REPORTED WAS A FACT OR ELSE
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ISSUE A RETRACTION AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER GERMAN LAW.

MOENKMEYER INITIALLY WANTED THE EMBASSY TO MAKE A
STATEMENT IN HIS SUPPORT. HOWEVER, HE WAS TOLD ONLY
THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. OTHER
THAN THIS ONE APPROACH, THERE HAS BEEN NO REQUEST FOR
THE EMBASSY TO PRODUCE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS OR SUPPORTING
STATEMENTS OF ANY KIND.
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